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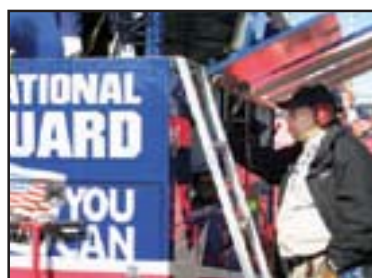
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Adopt a friend, give them life

BY SPC. JOY PARIANTE
SCOUT STAFF

I think just about all of us have done this. You walk into an animal shelter – just to look around – and a pair of big brown eyes gets a hold of you and won't let go. A couple of minutes later, you're walking out the door with a new friend, and they have another chance at life.

Each year, eight to 10 million cats and dogs are euthanized in the United States because they can't find homes. Shelter pets are every bit as friendly, loveable and loyal as pet store animals and a whole lot cheaper. But they sit in cages, waiting to die, while other dogs are selling for upwards of \$1,000 daily, because of their pedigree. The only thing a pedigree is good for is showing and breeding. To bring home a pet to love and cherish from the Fort Huachuca Veterinary Clinic costs about \$50.

Dogs, cats, rabbits, ferrets and a multitude of other domestic pets are given up for varied reasons. In our transient community, people give up pets when they relocate or deploy. These poor animals need a new home; they shouldn't die because of circumstances beyond their control.

Every week, the Scout runs a column entitled "Pets of the Week." It's a rarity that we see the same animals submitted by the vet center twice. That's good. Hopefully, they've gone to a nice home where they can love and be

loved. But sometimes, a few weeks will pass and the same cat or dog from two weeks prior will show up again. It's those times that upset me because you know that this is their last chance. The vet clinic here euthanizes animals after a holding period of 30 days.

Every day 70,000 puppies and kittens are born nationwide. Many of those little ones may find their way to the shelter where 50 percent of the dogs and 70 percent of the cats who walk through the doors every year are killed.

"Millions of animals are euthanized around the country every year because they are either put up for adoption or found stray," said Capt. Amy Pike, chief, Fort Huachuca veterinary services. "If you are interested in getting a pet, consider becoming the adoptive parent of a loving [shelter] dog or cat."

On post, approximately 264 strays are taken in per year and 106 are given up for adoption by their owners. Last year, 165 of these pets found new homes, 125 lost pets were returned to their owners and 100 were euthanized.

The animals most in need of fast adoption aren't the puppies or kittens either. It's the dogs and cats well out of their youth. Everyone wants a young pet to bond with and train, but not everyone realizes the benefits of getting a pet who's already housebroken and out of their destructive, disobedient phase.

I got my dog, Princess, at the post vet clinic on my wedding day and she's an absolutely great dog. I've

always gotten my pets from shelters, and they're eager to please and happy to have a home. Even though I didn't get to enjoy Princess' cute puppyhood or get to watch her grow up, she's still bonded with my family and disproved the theory that you can't teach an old dog new tricks. Shelters will usually let prospective pet owners know the little ins and outs of their adult dog such as their temperament with children and other pets, their overall attitude and any special needs your pet may have. With this information, people can make an informed decision about which pet to bring into their life. For example, some dogs aren't good with children, some cats aren't good with other pets and some animals need lots of room to play and roam.

"If you are thinking about adoption, remember some key facts," said Capt. Amy Pike, chief of veterinary services on Fort Huachuca. "Pets cost money. They need to be properly fed and housed. Medical care for your pets, including vaccines, surgery and preventive care can be costly, but absolutely necessary. Make sure your pet is up to date on vaccinations, is de-wormed and micro-chipped.

"Please be a responsible pet owner and have your pet spayed or neutered," Pike added. "Unwanted litters contribute greatly to the stray population."

With proper training and attention, shelter pets of any age can be affectionate, well behaved and grateful members of your family.

Scout On The Street

Who was the most important president?



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President George W. Bush: Because he is the one running the country right now.

Abraham Lincoln: Because he did something that other presidents were afraid to do before him.

George Washington: He started it all. He was one of the first people to form the U.S. Army.

Franklin Delano Roosevelt: He set the standard in morals. He was sick and pressed on.

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Post is commercial-free zone

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SCOUT STAFF

If you're thinking of hanging a flier on Fort Huachuca to drum up business for yourself, think twice. Anyone who wants to sell or solicit on post has to obtain a permit to do so, said Janet Russell, program manager for commercial solicitations on post.

The exception to this is for companies businesses that are already under contract, she said.

People and businesses always seem to want to put up fliers and distribute business cards around post, but even getting a commercial solicitation permit doesn't allow that, Russell said.

"One of the biggest violations is just [businesses] and individuals coming on post and putting up fliers and business cards," Russell said.

Although Fort Huachuca has a population that many businesses want to target for advertising, it's best to find another way of doing so.

The most important thing to know about doing business on post is that in order to do so, the business or individual must apply for a permit through Russell. She said that the process is relatively simple; an application must be filled out and the individual must include its business license (when applicable) and a brochure or literature explaining the nature of what is to be solicited. Then a brief background check into the business is conducted.

"Most commercial transactions on post take place in a customer's home or barracks," Russell said. "Sellers may enter the barracks if they have an appointment with the Soldier. But as per FH 210-1, soliciting is prohibited without an appointment."

When individuals are issued their one-year permit to do business on post, they are required to show their permit on demand and allow customers to inspect it, she said.

Another issue is for Soldiers who wish to conduct business on post. Soldiers are required to obtain a memorandum from their commander stating that there is no conflict with their Army duties and other work, Russell said. Additionally, door-to-door solicitation is prohibited on post, she said.

The exception to the rule for selling on post is the policy for yard sales, which is addressed in a U.S. Army Garrison Policy Memorandum and is available through the publications link on the Fort Huachuca Web page, <http://huachuca-www.army.mil/PUBSFORM/PUBS/Fthpubs.htm>.

The policy memo on states that yard sales are allowed on post any day between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m., and the only advertising allowed for them is to create neatly printed signs no larger than 24 inches by 24 inches and posting them in the yard of the sale, and not on telephone poles or elsewhere on post.

Some personnel are permitted free advertising for yard sales in the Scout, for more information, call 1-877-925-8281.



To find out more about commercial solicitation conducting business on post, consult Army Regulation 210-7 and Fort Huachuca Regulation 210-1. For more information or for an application to conduct business on post, call Russell at 533-2080 or e-mail her at janet.russell@us.army.mil.

Proposed NSPS regulations submitted

SCOUT REPORTS

The Department of Defense and the Office of Personnel Management recently submitted the proposed regulations for the National Security Personnel System for publication in the Federal Register.

"The NSPS is designed to improve basic pay, staffing, classification, performance management, labor relations, adverse actions, and employee appeals," said Tom O'Brien, director, Fort Huachuca Civilian Personnel Advisory Center.

The proposal offers rules and processes for a new human resources system for Department of Defense civilian employees regarding pay and classification, performance management, hiring, workforce shaping, disciplinary matters, appeals procedures, and labor-management relations.

The new system was signed into law on Nov. 24, 2003. For the past year, Department of Defense and Office of Personnel Management officials have been working to

design a modernized, performance-based civilian personnel system. The new system is designed to improve the way the people are hired, assigned and compensated. It's also designed to reward its employees, while preserving the core merit principles, veterans' preference and important employee protections and benefits of the current system, O'Brien said.

The proposed regulations are the result of a broad-based effort that included input from employees, supervisors, managers, senior leaders, union representatives and public interest groups.

O'Brien said the system is scheduled to go into effect in July, and the first iteration will only involve two offices on post – CPAC and the West Civilian Personnel Operations Center. The Joint Interoperability Test Command will come under NSPS at a later date, he said.

Since it is such a large-scale change, full implementation of the regulations will occur in phases and be rolled out gradually, he said.

"Something this massive shouldn't be rushed into," O'Brien said.

One of the key factors in making the transition to the new system successful is training, he said.

"Training the workforce on the new aspects of the NSPS will be critical," O'Brien said. "Our managers and employees must be knowledgeable of and ready to work under this new personnel system. The DoD Program Executive Office and the Army's NSPS Program Office are designing the curriculum and will provide the course tools and learning aids to help us ensure managers and employees are familiar with the NSPS."

At a press conference, Navy Secretary Gordon England, who serves as the Department of Defense's senior executive overseeing the National Security Personnel System, and Dan Blair, acting director of the Office of Personnel Management, called the publication of the proposed regulations a critical milestone in the development of this new personnel system that will emphasize performance rather than longevity as it provides more agile, flexible support to DoD's post-Sept 11 missions.

Blair stated that the new system will give employees and managers "greater flexibility to accomplish their vital national security mission."

The proposed regulations were published Monday, initiating a 30-day formal public comment period, providing all interested parties the opportunity to submit comments and recommendations on the content of the pro-

posal.

O'Brien encouraged employees to look at the regulation and submit comments on it. He noted that such comments may be incorporated into the final version of the regulations.

"Even one comment can be helpful and improve the regulations," he said.

After the comment period, the Defense Department will initiate the statutory meet and confer process with employee representatives for 30 days to discuss their views and concerns regarding the proposed regulations and seek common ground. The Defense Department will report the results and outcome of the meet and confer period to Congress prior to finalizing the regulations, which should occur this spring.

Implementation of the system is expected to begin as early as July, with full implementation expected as soon as July 2007.

Employees, as well as interested parties, are encouraged to visit the NSPS Web site at <http://www.cpms.osd.mil/nsps> to view and comment on the proposed regulations as well as for the most recent information and announcements regarding NSPS. To view the NSPS draft regulation, go to: http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fedreg/a050214c.html and scroll down to Personnel Management Office.

(Editor's note: information from a Department of Defense press release was used in writing this article.)



More tactical training for post students

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With the evolution of war on the modern battlefield Soldiers must hone their tactical skills to meet the challenges of combat.

It's for that reason the Training and Doctrine Command has instituted more hands-on combative training for Advanced Individual Training students.

Fort Huachuca has instituted the construction of two combative training pits in accordance with TRADOC Army Regulation 350-6, which governs the training of enlisted initial entry Soldiers.

"These combative pits are part of the warrior task drills for the students coming from TRADOC," said Sgt. 1st Class Scott Blevins, 111th Military Intelligence Brigade, S-3, noncommissioned officer in charge.

The warrior task drills or combative training have

already been phased into basic combat training and have now made their way up to AIT here, as of Feb. 1.

"This training will be essential for maintaining the standard set in BCT to make sure that each and every Soldier is ready for combat," said Blevins.

The two combative pits being constructed are shallow pits filled in partially with sand and surrounded on the outer ring with sand bags. There is a smaller ring within the larger ring with the same design.

The students will practice hand to hand combat skills, fighting positions and some tactical skills to include movements under fire and buddy carries.

"We hope to ensure that the students stay sharp and in tune with not only their assigned military occupational specialty but with the tactical side of being a Soldier as well," said Blevins.

The combative pits are slated to be completed by Feb. 28.



Photo by SPC. Marcus Butler

David Cliburn fills sandbags that will line the outer ring of the combative pits being constructed.



Photo by Sgt. Jennifer S. Emmons

It's getting cold out here

A scout team from HHC, 2nd Bn., 35th Inf. Rgt., exits a CH-47 Chinook in Garzak. The team was there to work with the local police and help them further develop as a force.

Customer comment cards go hi-tech

BY AMANDA KEITH
SCOUT STAFF

No longer do post residents, military personnel and civilian employees need to bother with tracking down a comment card, filling it out and then mailing it. Now, they can just turn to their home computer and make their comments over the Internet.

Those comments will actually get to the people who can do something about them, thanks to a new Department of Defense program designed to improve customer service.

The Interactive Customer Evaluation is designed to allow customers of most of the businesses and services on post to submit online comments about them. The evaluation covers many services offered here ranging from the dining facilities, to military pay and housing.

The effort relies on an online comment card. A person can access the Web site at <http://ice.disa.mil>, find their military station and fill out a comment card for whatever they visited. The program was implemented in order to "deliver superior customer service," said Holly Sickels, the plans officer for Fort Huachuca's version of the program. "Customers have an easy way to give feedback."

The online comment card offers a range of options (excellent through poor) for rating the various aspects of the service: facility appearance, timeliness of service, employee/staff attitude and hours of service. The card asks two additional questions about whether or not needs were met and if the experience was satisfactory. An optional comments and recommendations box is also provided.

After the "card" is filled out, an e-mail is automatically sent to the service provider manager, allowing for instant feedback about problems or attributes of various services around Fort Huachuca.

Leaving contact information is optional, but this feature allows for the customer to receive feedback within 72 hours about changes or improvements to the service.

The comments are then filed into reports that can be used to compare Fort Huachuca to other posts said Sickels.

One upcoming plan for the program is to place computer kiosks in various locations around Fort Huachuca to provide even more possibilities for instant customer feedback.

Currently, there are 136 services that can be commented on with the new system.

Beware of using GPC for cartridge purchases

BY WILMA J. ROSE

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The Government Purchase Card office recently became aware of a possible scam by some laser/ink jet and toner cartridge suppliers. The individuals behind this scam have contacted many organizations on the installation offering a deal that "sounds too good to be true."

Although in some cases the vendor may be honest, it is recommended that all buyers of office supplies remain skeptical of any calls received offering a "free" or "30-day free trial offer" on new or remanufactured cartridges. Telemarketers normally make these calls and you can hear other calls in the background. When questioned, the telemarketer already has your name, address and telephone number, but does not usually have information regarding your organization; i.e., whether your organization is a government or commercial entity or whether you are a Soldier or civilian.

Our experience at Fort Huachuca has been that once you agree to accept a

"free" or "free 30-day trial" cartridge you are sent several cartridges. Once the 30 days are up, you will receive a bill for all of the cartridges shipped to you. When you call the company and explain

that you did not order these cartridges, the company argues they can't take the cartridges back without your paying a restocking fee or because you did not return the unused or defective cartridges within 30 days of receipt.

Of course, they don't bill you until the 30 days are up and their records of your organization's receipt of the cartridge differs from when you actually received the cartridges. They may then tell you that if payment is not received within five days, the account will be referred to legal collections for action and that failure to pay may affect your

credit rating.

This is a scare tactic used by some companies to coerce an individual into paying the bill rather than chance having their credit rating damaged. Please note that social security numbers for cardholders and billing officials are not provided to the bank when setting up the GPC accounts.

The master GSA contract expressly prohibits the bank from providing information to credit bureaus/organizations. The financial relationship for a GPC account exists between the government agency and the card-issuing bank.

Some companies will let you return the cartridges only after obtaining an authorization number. You are given a phone number to call to obtain this authorization number. When you call the number you normally end up in an automated system that asks you to leave a number because "all available customer service representatives are helping other clients, and we will get back to you as soon as possible." Bottom line, no one ever calls you back.

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First black NASCAR owner featured

BY SPC. LORIE JEWELL

ARMY NEWS SERVICE

In 1959, Sam Belnavis vividly remembers sitting in a college psychology class in which the professor lectured on the inferiority of the "Negro" brain.

"He said that because of the Negro brain size and structure, it was less developed and less capable of absorbing and retaining information than a Caucasian brain," Belnavis recalled.

More than four decades later, Belnavis is still proving that professor wrong.

His list of successes is long. Most recent is his groundbreaking entry into NASCAR as its first African-American team owner, currently overseeing the business of racing the No. 16 National Guard car driven by Greg Biffle, who finished 13th in the Daytona 500 Feb. 15. He also owns two trucks that raced two days prior in the Florida Dodge Dealers 250 that placed first and eighth, with drivers Carl Edwards and Jon Wood, respectively.

Belnavis shared his story at a Feb. 18 African-American History Month celebration in the Pentagon, which observed the 50th anniversary of the landmark "Brown versus Board of Education" ruling that ended segregation in schools.

As a child, Belnavis excelled at Our Lady of Victory, an all-black parochial school in Brooklyn, N.Y. He drew praise for academic and athletic accomplishments, enjoyed plenty of friends, and basked in the love and en-

couragement of his family.

He flourished in that environment, maturing into a young man who had no doubts in his ability to achieve anything he set his mind to.

"I was in a cocoon, sheltered from the real American way of life back then," Belnavis said.

The Brown victory led to his enrollment in Bishop Lockley High School, where the largely white population of students and teachers jerked him into a different reality, he said. The respect, acceptance and encouragement he enjoyed in elementary and junior high were gone.

"In high school, I learned that because I was a Negro, my potential to transform excellence into success was minimal to none," Belnavis said.

At Manhattan College, he started proving otherwise. He pursued a degree in accounting and business management, despite efforts by faculty members to steer him into a less challenging career path. He also enrolled in the Air Force ROTC program, which led to a post-college assignment at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas. He earned his wings in a fighter pilot training program and served with the 105th Tactical Fighter Squadron.

He left the service with an honorable discharge and made his way into the retail business field, eventually becoming the first African-American to hold a management position with Sears. Directing sports marketing for the Miller Brewing Company came next, followed by a

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Photo by Spc. Lorie Jewell

Sam Belnavis relaxes before the start of the Daytona 500 in front of the hauler that carries his National Guard-sponsored No. 16 race car, driven by Greg Biffle.

Black History Month

First black Army general officer

Benjamin O. Davis

Entered Service: July 13, 1898

Benjamin O. Davis entered the service during the war with Spain as a temporary first lieutenant of the 8th U.S. Volunteer Infantry. In 1899, he was discharged from the service. In June of the same year, he again enlisted, this time as a private in the 9th Cavalry. He then served as corporal and squadron sergeant major, and on Feb. 2, 1901, he was commissioned a second lieutenant of Cavalry. In 1940, he became the first African-American general officer in the U.S. Armed Forces, earning the rank of brigadier general. General Davis served as an inspector for the Inspector General and later as a special investigator for the Secretary of War's Advisory Committee on Negro Troop Policies. His investigations of discrimination and racial disturbances brought to light the problems of a racially closed military.



New Garrison Commandant

By Order of Col. Jonathan B. Hunter, garrison commander, Maj. Rhett Weddell has assumed the duties of garrison commandant as of Feb. 14. Weddell has been serving Fort Huachuca as the provost marshal since May 2004.

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poisoning, coming across signs and markers, or coming upon personnel wearing protective gear, among others.

The general guideline for masking yourself is to put on the protective equipment first, give an oral and visual signal of chemical attack, and then take cover.

The goal according the Training and Doctrine Command instruction is to don a protective mask within nine seconds by first closing your eyes and holding your breath, putting the mask on, clearing and sealing it first, then securing the mask with the head straps.

However, even though the protective equipment may have been put on with great expediency, it might still be necessary to decontaminate skin that has been exposed to the chemical agent.

The M291 Skin Decontamination Kit should be used within one minute of exposure to the chemical agent. Be careful not to get the decontaminating powder of the kit in eyes,

cuts or wounds, instead, use water to wash the toxic agent out.

The hands should be decontaminated first by scrubbing exposed skin on the back of the hand, palm and fingers until completely covered with powder.

Next, decontaminate the face by first taking a deep breath and closing the eyes before de-masking. Use a new decontamination kit to carefully wipe and decontaminate all skin on the face before wiping down the inside of the mask that touches the face.

Make sure to seal and clear the mask once the decontamination is complete and the mask is put back on. After the mask is on, use a new kit to decontaminate the neck and ears, and then scrub the hands down one last time.

The final steps are to put gloves on and make certain all protective equipment is properly secure.

Information has been taken from Training and Doctrine Command Pamphlet 600-4, The Initial Entry Training Soldiers Handbook.

Air Force boxer doesn't give up

BY ELIZABETH DAVIE
SCOUT STAFF

Failure doesn't have to be final.

Richard Mora's first attempt at making the All Air Force Boxing team last year wasn't successful. The disappointment of that failure just made him try harder.

Mora, a San Diego native, joined the Air Force at age 20 to better his life. He's currently stationed at Tinker Air Force Base, outside Oklahoma City, Okla.

"I just felt like I was going nowhere in my life and I

wanted to change that," he said.

His career in boxing did not start as many do; it was almost an accident.

"I was never really good at anything," Mora said, "I wasn't the athletic type."

Boxing began as a way for him to stay in shape. It became part of his fitness routine.

"After I got my first taste of competition and won, I was hooked," explained Mora. "I was finally good at something."

Getting to the Armed Forces championship has meant a lot of hard work and devotion, he said. Mora's coach Edward Rivas describes him as a hard

worker who learns quickly.

Mora said that his biggest inspiration is his family. "Even though they don't like it, they still support me one hundred percent," he said.

A lot of people, including his family, think that boxing is a violent and aggressive sport.

"All I have to say to those people is they just don't know," he said.

After not making the team last year Mora, trained long and hard to make the team this year. He succeeded.

Boxing in the 132 pound weight class, Mora made it all the way to championship night Saturday where he was out-pointed by Army boxer James Vilia 59 to 48.

"He fought a real good fight; I am very proud of him" Rivas said of the fight. "He did the best he could, and that is all I can ask. Unfortunately the guy he fought was a better match."

Mora said he felt good about getting as far as he did, and he was not going to stop there.

"The Air Force is number one and I will be back next year," he said with a grin.

"He is a future Armed Forces champion with an unlimited future," Rivas said.



Photo by Elizabeth Davie

Air Force boxer Richard Mora listens to his coach in between rounds at the Armed Forces Boxing Championship Saturday.

Common task training is basis of Soldier skills

SCOUT REPORTS

This is the second in a two part series on common task training.

Land navigation

When navigating from one point to another while dismounted you have several steps that have to be implemented in order to ensure that the task is carried out correctly. There are three basic methods to successfully negotiate this challenge.

One of the first things that must be done is determining a pace count. The average Soldier uses 116 paces to travel 100 meters. Be sure to know how many paces it takes to walk 100 meters on both level and crisscrossing terrain.

The problem in pacing is maintaining a straight line. At night, most patterns seem to go in a clockwise circle if a compass is not used. In daylight, use aiming points and a compass. Also, remember to figure only the straight-line distance when walking around an obstacle.

Another way to navigate from one point to another is using terrain association. This technique uses terrain or man-made features to serve as landmarks or checkpoints for maintaining direction of movement. It can be used anywhere, day or night, as long as there are distinguishable terrain features. Terrain association is used when moving from the unit area to the motor pool.

When adjusting your route, consider the following:

- Tactical aspect. Avoid sky lining

open areas and danger areas like streams or crossings on roads and hill-tops.

- Ease of movement. Always pick the easiest route that the tactical situation allows.

- Boundaries. It is almost impossible to travel in a straight line, with or without a compass. Pick an axis or corridor to travel along. Pick boundaries that can be easily felt or spotted.

With boundaries to keep straight, the position can be identified by checkpoints. The best checkpoint is a line or linear feature that cannot be missed. Use hard-top roads, railroads, power lines, perennial streams (solid blue lines, the dash blue lines are frequently dry), rivers, ridges, and valleys. If linear features cannot be found, use an elevation change—hill or depression, small ridge, or valley. Look for one contour line of change during the day, two at night. Determine the distance between checkpoints. Distance is the cause of most navigational mistakes. Estimate or measure the distance from one checkpoint to another. Trust that distance and use it.

Finally, there is navigating from one point to another using dead reckoning. Dead reckoning is a technique of following a set route or line for a determined distance. This technique is used on flat terrain, like deserts and swamps. It can be used day or night.

To use dead reckoning follow these steps:

- Locate the start point and finish point on the map.

- Determine the grid azimuth from the start point to the finish point.

- Convert the grid azimuth taken from the map to a magnetic azimuth.

- Determine the distance between the start point and the finish point, or any intermediate points on the map.

- Convert the map distance to pace count.

- Make a thorough map reconnaissance of the area between the start point and the finish point.

Before moving from the start point, shoot an azimuth on a well-defined object on the ground in the direction of travel. These objects, known as steering points, may be lone trees, buildings, rocks, or any easily identifiable point. At night, the most likely steering point will be a star. Because of the rotation of the Earth, the positions of the stars continually change.

Once a steering point has been selected, move toward it, remembering to begin the pace count. Check the azimuth frequently.

Dead reckoning is accurate and works on flat terrain that lacks terrain features; however, all work must be precise, and the technique takes time.

Improvised Explosive Devices

The next task is reacting to a possible improvised explosive device.

First do not attempt to move or approach the IED. If possible, avoid using any communications/electronic equipment within the established exclusion area because it may cause the IED to explode.

The performance steps are as follows:

- Establish security. Search and secure the area for possible secondary explosive devices or hazards, while maintaining security.

- Identify potential enemy force observation or vantage points. Seek all available man-made or natural frontal and overhead cover. Avoid establishing a "reaction" pattern.

- Forward information to higher headquarters using standard 9-line unexploded ordinance report and continue with the mission.

Maintenance of an M16A2 rifle

What's a Soldier without a weapon? Someone who's not very effective in combat. However, a Soldier without a functioning weapon is just about as useless. One of the most common causes of a non-functioning weapon is improper care and maintenance.

The most fundamental tool for today's Soldiers is the M16A2 rifle. To begin maintenance, make sure the weapon is clear of ammunition by removing the magazine, cocking the rifle,

setting it on "Safe," and then visually inspecting the interior of the chamber. Once you're sure the weapon is not loaded, it's safe to begin disassembling and cleaning it.

To disassemble the rifle, remove the sling and hand guards, push in the takedown pin, and then the receiver pin to separate the upper and lower receivers.

The next step in disassembling the rifle is to remove the bolt carrier and charging handle. To clean the receiver, use a rod with a bore brush to slide through the bore and remove carbon deposits. Pay special attention to cleaning the chamber. Also, brush dirt from the trigger mechanism and clean the drain hole with a pipe cleaner. Finally, after removing them from the lower receiver, clean the buffer and spring.

Some of the greatest buildup of carbon occurs in the bolt carrier group and must be cleaned out for proper functioning of the weapon.

The bolt carrier group consists of the charging handle, bolt carrier, bolt, cam pin, firing pin, extractor retaining pin and extractor. Training and Doctrine Command Pamphlet 600-4 instructs Soldiers to pay special attention to the inner and outer surfaces of the bolt carrier, the carrier key, the firing pin recess and firing pin, as well as areas behind the bolt ring and under the lip of the extractor.

While cleaning the rifle, make sure to inspect all the parts for defective and missing components.

Prior to reassembly, clean and lightly lubricate the weapon.

The final step in the cleaning and maintenance process is to perform a functions check to ensure that the weapon has been assembled properly and is battle-ready.

Information on M16A2 maintenance has been taken from Training and Doctrine Command Pamphlet 600-4, The Initial Entry Training Soldiers Handbook.

Reacting to a chemical environment

Soldiers must be prepared for non-conventional weapons when heading into battle. The U.S. Army has provided for the possibility of facing such weapons by providing protective equipment and training Soldiers how to react to such a threat.

Several ways of being alerted to a chemical threat include hearing an alarm, obtaining a positive reading from detector paper or a chemical agent monitor, observing people with symptoms of chemical or biological agent

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Photo by Spc. Creighton Holub

Pfc. Trista Mount, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison, clears a jam while reacting to simulated direct fire. The Garrison conducted common task training Feb. 10 at Huachuca Canyon.

Range Closures

Thursday –AG, AL, AM, AR, AU, AX, T1A, T2 T3
Friday –AG, AL, AM, AN, AU
Saturday –AC, AD, AF, AL, AM, AN, AR,AU
Sunday –AL, AN, AU, T2, T3
Monday –AC, AD, AL, AN, AR, AU, AW, T2, T3
Tuesday –AH, AI, AK, AL, AN, AR, AU, AW, T1, T1A, T2, T3
Wednesday –AF,AG,AH,AK,AL,AM, AN, AO, AR, AS, AU, AW, T1, T1A, T2, T3
For more information,call Range Control at 533-7095. Closures subject to change.

AFAP training

The Army Family Action Plan Conference has training slated for today for transcriber, 9 a.m. – 10 a.m. at the Army Community Service Conference Room, SME training, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m. at the Murr/Jackrabbit Room, teen delegate Training, 6 p.m. at the Murr/Jackrabbit Room, delegate training, 10 a.m. at the Murr/Jackrabbit room.

Free fencing materials

The Fort Huachuca Housing Office has landscaping and fencing material available for free for Fort Huachuca housing residents interested in making improvements to their yard.
Some components for a fence such as posts and cement will be required to install the chain link fencing and will need to be purchased at the Soldier’s expense. The supply of fencing materials is limited. For more information, call Tanga Lewis at 538-0168.

Concerts

The 36th Army Band will hold a concert at 3 p.m., on Sunday, at Oscar Yrun Community Center, “A celebration of African American Music.” For more information, call 533-3653.

Commanders/First Sergeants Course

Attention all incoming company commanders (Signal and Military Intelligence). The next Company Commanders/First Sergeants course is scheduled for March 15-17. This course is mandatory for all incoming commanders. First Sergeants are highly encouraged to attend. If you are interested in attending this course, please contact Suzette Krusemark, DPTMS, and 533-3185, to register or contact your respective S-3’s. Registration cutoff is close of business March 9.

Telephone directories

The new Cochise County telephone directories are available for pickup at the Official Mail and Distribution Center of the Directorate of Information Management, US Army Garrison.
The OMDC is located in the back of Building 22408 at Christy Avenue and Butler Road. Operating hours are 7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. The telephone directories are for USAG directorates and staff offices and partner activities. For more information, call Gayle Olson at 533-3932.

Memorial project

In honor of the upcoming 15th year anniversary of Operation Desert Shield-Storm, a tribute to fallen service members is being put together.

If you have a family member, friend or fallen comrade to whom you wish to pay tribute, please consider contributing to “Letters in the Sand.”
The success of this project will greatly depend on the kindness and generosity of the larger military community. For more information, e-mail Terrisa Karaus at desertstormletters@yahoo.com , or mail “Letters in the Sand”, post office box 485, Mt. Sterling, Ky., 40353.

Retirement Ceremony

The next Installation Retirement Ceremony is scheduled for 7a.m., April 29 at Chaffee Field. All military and civilian retirees are invited to stand in this ceremony. For more information call, the USAIC&FH Protocol Office at 533-1235 or Suzette Krusemark, DPTMS, 533-3185, to fill out an information sheet.

Insurance benefits

A representative from the Arizona Blue Cross/Blue Shield will be available to answer questions pertaining to health insurance benefits from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. on Friday at the Jackrabbit Room at the Murr Community Center. For more information regarding this event, call Michele Darby 533-5735 or Schenando Nason 533-5273.

New airline service

Great Lakes Airlines announces service to Sierra Vista. As of March 1, Great Lakes will be providing scheduled passenger service at 34 airports in ten states with a fleet of Embraer EMB-120 Brasilia and Raytheon/Beech 1900D Regional Airliners.
A total of 162 weekday flights are sched-

uled at two hubs, with 156 flights at Denver and six flights at Phoenix. and Frontier Airlines at their Denver hub. All scheduled flights are operated under the Great Lakes Airlines marketing identity in conjunction with code-share agreements with United Airlines and Frontier Airlines at their Denver hub.For more information visit www.greatlakesav.com.

Now Available at the Fort Huachuca Library

HARDCOVER FICTION
The Broker, by John Grisham
The Da Vinci Code, by Dan Brown
Survivor in Death, by J.D. Robb
The Five People You Meet in Heaven, by Mitch Albom
State of Fear, by Michael Crichton

HARDCOVER NONFICTION
Blink, by Malcolm Gladwell
Collapse, by Jared Diamond
America, (The Book), by Jon Stewart
Witness, by Amber Frey
God’s Politics, by Jim Wallis

PAPERBACK FICTION
The Last Juror, by John Grisham
The Kite Runner, by Khaled Hosseini
Dean Koontz’s Frankenstein: Prodigal Son, by Dean Koontz
3rd Degree, by James Patterson
Ransom, by Danielle Steel

PAPERBACK NONFICTION
Dreams From My Father,
Reading Lolita In Tehran, by Azar Nafisi
The Tipping Point, by Malcolm Gladwell
Guns, Germs and Steel, by Jared Diamond
The Devil In The White City, by Erik Larson

Chaplain’s Corner

WHO’LL BE FIRST?

CH (COL) ART PACE,
NETCOM COMMAND CHAPLAIN

A Christian mother of two was upset that her two sons, Ryan, age 7 and Bobby, age 5, were fighting over the last piece of cake. Seeing an opportunity to educate her boys in the faith, she said to them, “You both need to be more like Jesus. If Jesus was here, he would say, ‘give that piece of cake to your brother.’” Ryan, being older and therefore slightly quicker, says, “Fine. Bobby, you can be Jesus first!”
In this Lenten season, we are challenged to consider just how real our faith truly is. It is one thing to talk about what we believe, but another to live what we believe. The Apostle Paul instructs us by saying, “Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. (Philippians 1:27)” It is easy to become self-focused in life, and to ignore the needs of those nearest to us. In our efforts at self-promotion, we can easily overlook our co-workers or neighbors who might benefit from a kind word, or a helping hand. In this time of preparation for Easter, we can hear the words of our God saying to us, “Fine. You can be Jesus first.” Any takers?

Protestant Sunday Services

8 a.m.	Episcopal
9:20 a.m.	Gospel
9:30 a.m.	Protestant
11 a.m.	Cross Roads
11 a.m.	Collective
3:30 p.m.	ALPHA

Roman Catholic Worship

Mon.-Fri. Mass	11:30 a.m.
Saturday Confession	4 p.m.
Saturday Mass	5 p.m.
Sunday Mass	9:30 a.m.
Sunday Mass	11:30 a.m.

Jewish Worship

Friday	7 p.m.
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Catholic

<u>Main Post Chapel</u>	
CCD	Sunday
Adult Apologetics	Sunday
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Friday
Korean OCIA	Friday
MCCW	1st Friday

Protestant

Main Post	<u>Main Post Chapel</u>		
Kino Chapel	PWOC	Tuesday	9 a.m.
Prosser Village	Sunday School	Sunday	9:30 a.m.
Cochise Theater	<u>Kino Chapel</u>		
Main Post	Bible Study/Choir Practice	Thursday	6 p.m.
Prosser Village	Men’s Choir Rehearsal	Tuesday	7 p.m.

Muslim Prayer

Main Post	Friday	11:30 p.m	Main Post
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Buddhist Weekly Teaching

Main Post	Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Prosser Village
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Orthodox Divine Liturgy

Main Post	Sunday	10 a.m.	Main Post
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Latter Day Saints Service

Main Post	Sunday	1 p.m.	Prosser Village
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Lent Services

Main Post	Stations of the Cross	5 p.m.	Main Post
Main Post	Fridays in Lent		
Main Post	Poor Man’s Meal After the Stations of the Cross		Main Post
Main Post	Poor Man’s Meal Wednesdays after 11:30 a.m. Mass		Main Post
Main Post	Lent Penance Service Mar. 7 at 7 p.m.		Main Post

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job as senior vice president of sports and entertainment with Saatchi & Saatchi Worldwide Advertising Agency in New York City.

At 64, Belnavis is now the chief executive officer of Belnavis & Associates, a Charlotte, N.C.-based advertising and marketing agency that focuses on sports, cultural diversity and event marketing.

There's also NASCAR. At the Daytona Speedway, Belnavis described his pride in representing the National Guard on the racetrack. The sponsorship is in its second year.

"Being involved with the National Guard has made my feelings about being an American even more intense," said Belnavis, who visited Soldiers in Bosnia not long after the partnership began. "It's very humbling to see the commitment our young Soldiers are making daily. Rather than them looking to me or to Greg, we look to them."

Belnavis also makes frequent visits to schools, where he talks to students about the opportunities they have in NASCAR and the National Guard, as well as in the business world and life in general.

In the Pentagon's crowded executive dining room, Belnavis encouraged audience members to push for excellence in their own lives.

"You have dreams. You have goals. Remind yourself of them daily, strive to achieve them each day," he said. "Never, never, never give up."

SCAM, from Page 5

We have also found that the price of these "free" cartridges may also be two to four times higher than cartridges available through GSA contracts or local vendors because they claim they are giving you "jumbo" cartridges that contain more toner than "normal" cartridges. Tests on these cartridges show that they typically contain only as much or less toner than "normal" cartridges obtained from a reputable dealer.

In another twist to the scam, the companies change names and pass along your GPC information from company to company. The name changes but the address or point of contact remain the same. We have found that most of the companies are located in the Los Angeles or Van Nuys, Calif. areas.

The Department of the Army has blanket purchase agreements in place with vendors specializing in toner/inkjet products. You can get more information on these vendors by going to the Department of Defence E-mail Web site at www.email.dla.mil/. Other reputable firms that hold GSA contracts are available through GSA Advantage. We have also identified several reputable local firms who provide remanufactured cartridges at a very reasonable price.

Based on the above, we strongly believe there really is no need for a cardholder to become a victim of one of these scams. Unless you make the initial contact with the vendor, a good rule of thumb is to "just say no" to any telemarketer who offers to provide you with sample cartridges. If pressed, just explain that it is the office policy not to accept samples.

If they send you samples anyway, according to the Federal Trade Commission, you are under no obligation to accept or pay for anything you did not order. According to the FTC Business Alert bulletin Five Steps to Avoiding Office Supply Fraud, "unordered merchandise may be treated as a gift, and you don't have to return it. It is illegal for a seller to send you bills for merchandise that you didn't order."

This bulletin can be obtained by contacting Laurie Packard at 533-3223 or laurie.packard@hua.army.mil. You can also get a copy of the bulletin at the FTC Consumer Alert Web site, <http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/conline/pubs/alerts/suppalrt.htm>.

Please note that in accordance with a number of executive orders related to Greening the Government through Waste Prevention and Recycling, agencies are required to incorporate into their recycling program efforts to recycle, reuse and collect toner cartridges for remanufacturing and to maximize the number of recycled products purchases. Purchases of replacement toner cartridges should be of remanufactured cartridges rather than new ones.

If you have had a similar experience with cartridge suppliers, contact Laurie Packard at 533-3223 or laurie.packard@hua.army.mil so that we can make sure our growing list of suspect companies includes the one you've had an experience with. She can also provide you with information about these companies or about local or GSA vendors who provide remanufactured cartridges at fair and reasonable prices.

Military Intelligence SGM conference set to kick-off

(Editor's note: This article was provided to the Scout by Sgt. 1st Class James E. Alexander)

The Worldwide Military Intelligence Command Sergeant's Major and Sergeants Major Conference, hosted by the U.S. Army Intelligence Center, will be held March 7 through March 11 in Fitch Auditorium at Alvarado Hall. This annual conference is traditionally the Military Intelligence Corps' principle event for facilitating a professional exchange of ideas, thoughts and concerns between the Army's senior intelligence noncommissioned officer leadership and serves as both a lesson learned and after-action process for a multitude of issues within the Military Intelligence Corps.

One of the principle highlights of the conference is the ceremony formally recognizing the annual recipient of the Command Sgt. Maj. Doug Russell Award. This award is presented annually to an enlisted Soldier in the rank of sergeant or below who

has made a significant contribution to the Military Intelligence Corps over the past year. This year's recipient of the Russell Award is Sgt. Amber N Bennett, MOS 97E, an interrogator presently assigned to Company B, 1st Special Troops Battalion, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry), Fort Drum, N.Y. Bennett deployed with her unit in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and provided intelligence support of the highest caliber in support of combat operations in Iraq.

The award namesake, retired Command Sgt. Maj. Douglas S. Russell, retired from the Army after serving 32 years. He spent 14 years as the director of NCO and Enlisted Affairs and as director of retiree activities with the Association of the U.S. Army, Washington, D.C. before assuming his present position as the president of the American Military Society.

The previous recipients of the prestigious award are: 2001 – Sgt. Deborah L. Sills, MOS 98C, then assigned with HHC, 205th Military Intelligence Bn.,

500th Military Intelligence Group now a sergeant first class with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 306th Military Intelligence Bn., 111th Military Intelligence Brigade. 2002 – Spec. Ario Sanchez, MOS 96D, then assigned to HHC, 75th Ranger Regiment, now a staff sergeant with U.S. Army Special Operations Command. 2003 – Cpl. Andrew C. Rapp, MOS 97B, then with GSC, 3rd Special Forces Group, now a sergeant with Company E, 305th Military Intelligence Bn. 2004 – Spc. Daniel R. Sheldon, MOS 96B, then with HHC, 75th Ranger Regiment, now a sergeant with U.S. Army Special Operations Command.

The conference will begin with an icebreaker social on March 6, from 6 p.m. – 10 p.m. A invitation is extended to all retired military intelligence sergeants major to attend this social. Please RSVP for the social no later than March 3. For more information or to RSVP, call Sgt. Maj. Bill Hedges at 533-4216 or email at William.hedges@hua.army.mil.



Photo by Elizabeth Davie

Army boxer Corey Stewart of Fort Carson Colo. is examined by doctors after being knocked out.

Armed Forces Boxing

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Army's on a roll.

For the second year in a row, Team Army's boxers proved themselves in Armed Forces Boxing competition winning or going unopposed in 14 out of 16 fights during the event.

The tournament got off to an electrifying start in front of a capacity crowd of 1,200 people Feb. 18 at Barnes Field House.

Three dozen of the armed force's best boxers were scheduled to appear during the competition. The eventual winners would represent the United States in the Conseil International du Sports Militaire boxing championships later this year.

Seven preliminary bouts were fought on the first night. Each bout would contain four three-minute rounds.

Team Army would have four matches starting with Boyd Melson, 152-pound weight class (and current CISM gold medalist), Quentin McCoy, 165-pound weight class, Christopher Downs, 178-pound weight class, and Joe Guzman, 201-



Photo by Elizabeth Davie

Marine boxer Lucas Hoague takes a hit from Army boxer Joe Guzman.

pound weight class.

The U.S. Marine Corps also had four bouts beginning with Hugo Ramirez, 132-pound weight class, Eric Canales, 141-pound weight class, Wilfrido Gonzalez, 165-pound weight class, and Jonathan Harvison, 178-pound weight class.

Team Air Force, a seemingly heavy favorite, had five bouts starting off with Richard Mora, 132-pound weight class, Hector Ramos, 141-pound weight class, Ramon Castro, 152-pound weight class, Aaron Banks, 165-pound weight

class, and Melvin Allick, 201-weight class.

Team Navy only had one bout on night one with Mylin Wyche fighting in the 165-pound weight class.

The first and second bouts were between the Marine Corps and the Air Force. The two services split their bouts as Mora (Air Force) out pointed Ramirez (Marines) in 132-pound bout and Canales (Marines) defeated Ramos (Air Force) in the 141-pound bout.

It wasn't until the third bout,

Marine lands hard at Boxing Championships

BY SPC. CREIGHTON HOLUB
SCOUT STAFF

For one Marine, joining the Corps was partly a way to get back into boxing.

Cpl. Lucas Hoague was a two-time New England Junior Olympics champion and five-time New York State Silver Gloves champion when he enlisted.

"I wanted to get back into boxing," said Hoague, a heavy equipment engineer with the 2nd Combat Engineer Battalion, based at Camp Lejeune, N.C., "Once you start boxing, and you do it for a while, you just can't quit, you just can't stop."

Hoague couldn't be stopped until Saturday night in a fight for the 201-pound weight class championship. There he lost to Army Sgt. Joe Guzman of Fort Carson, Colo., with 51 seconds gone in the third round.

"He's a very technically

sound boxer," said retired Master Sgt. Robert Michael, the Marines head boxing coach, about the fighter. Hoague's hand speed makes up for size and physique, the coach said. "It was a tough loss for him. He got caught with a good punch, but he's going to

march on."

One knock down was not enough to hold back Hoague, so Guzman had to send him to the canvas twice before the referee stopped the bout.

"The bigger they are, the harder they hit, not fall," Hoague

said.

Hoague knows about hitting hard, but he also knows his family history.

Another reason he joined the Marine Corps was his family lineage. His grandfather, father and brother were all Marines.

After graduating from high school in Granville, N.Y., Hoague attended college at Adirondack Community College in Glens Falls, N.Y., where he earned an associate's degree in radio and television broadcasting.

"He [brother, Corey] convinced me it was a good move to make," Hoague said about joining the Marines. "Just to get out and experience other places."

The corporal has been in the Corps for three and a half years. He's been stationed at Camp Lejeune for two years after spending a year in Okinawa, Japan, South Korea and Thailand. He attended military occupational specialty training at the Army's Fort Leonard Wood.

Since returning to the states, he won a gold medal at the 2004 National Police Athletic League Boxing Championship in the 201-pound weight class. The competition was held at Virginia Beach, Va.

Hoague will still train at Fort Carson for the upcoming Men's and Women's U.S. Championships at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo. in March.

Always loyal to his sport, Hoague already has an idea for when his boxing career is over.

"Even when I get older, I imagine I'll be a coach because the love for the sport will never go away," Hoague said.

The Guzman and Hoague bout on Saturday gave Guzman the right to compete at Conseil International du Sports Militaire, the international military boxing championships, later this year.



Photo by Spc. Creighton Holub

Marine Cpl. Lucas Hoague battles Army Sgt. Joe Guzman in the second round of their bout. Guzman knocked Hoague off his feet twice before the referee called the 201-pound weight class fight in the Army's favor with 51 seconds expired in the third round.

g kicks off, Team Army defends title

involving the Army's Melson, a crowd favorite, and Air Force's Castro that the excitement started to build.

Melson set the tone with a flurry of combinations that caught his opponent off guard. His fellow Soldiers followed his lead on night one of the Armed Forces Championships. Not a single Army fighter lost on night one.

On the second night the remaining fighters seemed to come out even more determined than they did the first night.

It would be a long night. There were 12 bouts scheduled. The service teams were fighting to see who would be crowned the 2005 Armed Forces Champion.

When the final bell rung, Team Army had successfully defended its title as Armed Forces Champions, followed by the Marines in second, Air Force in third and The Navy coming in last.

Here are the results from night two of the championships:

Women

• 114 lbs: USMC Natosha Eyer, Camp Lejeune, N.C., out pointed

USAF Celsa Reyes, F.E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyo., 43-34.

• 119 lbs: USALavelle Viridiana, Fort Meyer, Va., stopped USMC Laura Barrow, Marine Base 29 Palms, Calif., 1:13 in round three.

• 125 lbs: USA Christina Boilard, Fort Huachuca, Ariz., out pointed USMC Abigail Chavez, 3rd Marine Division, Okinawa, Japan, 43-30.

• 138 lbs: USA Lilia Maxilom, Fort Huachuca, Ariz., unopposed.

• 165 lbs: USA Christina Brown, Fort Huachuca, Ariz., unopposed.

Men

• 106 lbs: USMC Roberto Castillo, Marine Corps Air Station, New River, N.C., unopposed.

• 119 lbs: USA John Franklin, Fort Carson, Colo., out pointed USMC Frankie, Marine Corps Air Station New River, N.C., 30-21.

• 125 lbs: USAF Carlos Casasola, Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., unopposed.

• 132 lbs: USA James Villa, Fort Lewis, Wash., out pointed USAF Richard Mora, Tinker Air Force

Base, Okla., 59-48.

• 141 lbs: USMC Eric Canales, Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, N.C., stopped USA David Gallegos, 1:05 round three.

• 152 lbs: USA Boyd Melson, Fort Carson, Colo., out pointed USMC Evan Bakal, Camp Lejeune, N.C., 43-30.

• 165 lbs: USA Quentin McCoy, Fort Carson, Colo., out pointed USMC Wilfrido Gonzalez, Camp Lejeune, N.C., 25-17.

• 178 lbs: USA Christopher Downs, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, stopped USN Deano Jenkins, Fallon Naval Air Station, Nev., 0:46 in round two.

• 201 lbs: USA Joe Guzman, Fort Carson, Colo., stopped USMC Lucas Hoague, Camp Lejeune, N.C., 0:51 in round three.

• 201+ lbs: USMC Jackie Saye, Camp Lejeune, N.C., stopped USA Corey Stewart, Fort Carson, Colo., 0:51 in round four.



Photo by Elizabeth Davis

Marine boxer Jackie Saye of Camp Lejeune, N.C., gets an eight count in the last bout of the championship.



Photo by Spc. Susan Redwine

Petty Officer 2nd Class Deano Jenkins, Fallon Naval Air Station, Nev., was stationed aboard ship for six years after joining the Navy to box.

Bringing street smarts to the ring

BY SPC. SUSAN REDWINE

SCOUT STAFF

Petty Officer 2nd Class Deano Jenkins joined the Navy 10 years ago to box. However, his fighting career started years earlier on the streets of Portland, Ore.

Jenkins is currently stationed at Fallon Naval Air Station, in Fallon, Nev. He said he started getting into fights when he was young because other children bullied him for being too quiet.

"I'm not as quiet as people think," he said.

Jenkins would fight back. An uncle worried he would get in too much trouble on the streets that way. Since he'd been a boxer himself, the uncle encouraged the young Jenkins to try boxing.

"After I started boxing, I had no time to street fight," Jenkins said.

His Navy time began with back-to-back tours of sea duty. These assignments kept him out of the ring for six years. He said that when you're stationed at sea, you can't just leave ship to compete in tournaments.

"The odds of coming to something like this is about zero," he said.

Sea duty kept him out of competition, but it didn't stop him from training. He used his time aboard ship to work out and stay in shape.

Now that he's no longer at sea, he's taking advantage of opportunities to compete in tournaments. He spent more than a month training in California before competing in the Armed Forces Boxing Championships

on post last week.

Having been boxing for 16 years, Jenkins, 31, said he has some wisdom and experience to take with him to the ring.

"I fight a lot smarter now," he said. "I use my head a lot more than when I was street fighting or when I started boxing.

"I have never been so mentally prepared."

"It's easy to get a guy in shape, but it's hard to get him ready mentally," said George Sylva, head coach for the Navy boxing team.

The coach said that even though his fighter took a break from boxing while aboard ship, Jenkins has been around for a while and has a lot of skill.

The boxer and his coach have been trying to build on those strengths by improving his conditioning, Sylva said he's been putting Jenkins through a rigorous schedule, training three times per day, six days a week for the last month.

Although he still might seem like the quiet type, Jenkins said he likes to put on a show and expressed confidence with his fighting.

"I'm an attention junky," he said. "When I get in the ring, I put on a show one way or another. I'm an entertainer."

Noting that boxing isn't a sport for everybody, Jenkins acknowledged that fighting is a natural thing for him.

"It's just a part of your make up," he said. "It was just in me from the beginning."



Service News



Cadets to sing at NBA All-Star Game

The National Basketball Association has asked the Air Force Academy's Cadet Chorale to sing the national anthem at the NBA All-Star Game in Denver on Feb. 20.

The choir's visit is part of the NBA's salute to the service members of the armed forces.

The Cadet Chorale is a co-ed choir which has sung for presidents, performed in nearly every state in the nation and appeared on television many times. The choir's most recent nationally televised performance was at Super Bowl XXXIX, when they combined their voices with cadets from three other service academies to perform the national anthem.

Officer job analysis project kicks off

A select group of approximately 6,000 naval officers kicked off the first phase of the Officer Job Analysis project Feb. 14.

The analysis looks to define the knowledge, skills and abilities of more than 45,000 officers in the U.S. Navy. The effort, part of the Navy's Sea Warrior initiative, is the third in a series of like initiatives, to include the Enlisted and Civilian Job Analysis projects.

Sea Warrior, the latest phase of the Navy's Revolution in

Training, outlines the Navy's vision for the future and tasks the sea service to organize, integrate and transform. The program will ultimately make the processes of the Navy's manpower, personnel and training organizations, both active and reserve, afloat and shore, function more efficiently and responsively.

The process is divided into three phases. In the first phase, the survey development phase, nearly 15 percent of the officer ranks will be interviewed in an attempt to develop a comprehensive, skills-based survey package. That survey will then be released to the Navy's remaining officers sometime this spring during the second phase. After all participants have completed the survey, results will then be analyzed in the post-survey phase.

Through the collaboration of NAVMAC, Naval Education and Training Command, Naval Personnel Development Command, Task Force Warrior, and the Human Performance Center, the information will be reviewed with the goal of employing the data in 5-Vector Models for each NOBC to help individual officers succeed.

TSP 'open season' limitations end

Defense Department civilians and servicemembers building tax-free retirement accounts through the Thrift Savings

Plan soon will be able to change their investment options at any time instead of just twice a year.

Current biannual TSP "open season" investment-choice windows will end July 1, said Army Lt. Col. Janet Fenton, executive director of the Armed Forces Tax Council. TSP participants, she said, will be able to switch their retirement account options at any time.

Military people and civilians covered by the Civil Service Retirement System can contribute up to 10 percent of their paycheck to establish tax-free retirement accounts that grow from accumulated savings and investments in bonds, stocks and international funds. Employees covered by the Federal Employees Retirement System can contribute up to 15 percent in 2005. From 2006 on, no limit will apply to any participants in TSP.

Establishing a TSP account is a good idea even for those service members who do not serve long enough to qualify for a pension, Fenton said. TSP funds accumulated during military service, she said, can be transferred to participating federal agency TSPs if a departing service member takes a government civilian job.

And, TSP savings can also be rolled into nongovernment civilian employers' individual retirement accounts, the colonel said.

Ultimate sacrifice paid in support of OIF

Lance Cpl. Richard A. Perez Jr., 19, of Las Vegas, Nev., died Feb. 10 as a result of non-hostile vehicle incident in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to Marine Forces Reserve's 6th Motor Transport Battalion, 4th Force Service Support Group, Las Vegas, Nev. The incident is under investigation.

Sgt. Chad W. Lake, 26, of Ocala, Fla., **Sgt. Rene Knox, Jr.**, 22, of New Orleans, La. **Spc. Dakotah L. Gooding**, 21, of Des Moines, Iowa died Feb. 13 in Balad, Iraq, when the vehicle they were riding in overturned. All were assigned to the Army's 5th Squadron, 7th Cavalry, 3d Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Ga.

Pfc. David J. Brangman, 20, of Lake Worth, Fla., died Feb. 13 in Uvanni, Iraq, when a mortar round struck his vehicle. Brangman was assigned to the Army's 3d Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment, 3d Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Ga.

Sgt. 1st Class David J. Salie, 34, of Columbus, Ga., died Feb. 14 in Ba'qubah, Iraq, when his vehicle was

hit by an improvised explosive device. Salie was assigned to the Army's 2d Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment, 3d Infantry Division, Fort Benning, Ga.

Sgt. Adam J. Plumondore, 22, of Gresham, Ore., died Feb. 16 in Mosul, Iraq, when a vehicle-borne improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle. Plumondore was assigned to the Army's 1st Battalion, 24th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, Fort Lewis, Wash.

Cpl. Kevin M. Clarke, 21, of Tinley Park, Ill., died Saturday as a result of hostile action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Twentynine Palms, Calif.

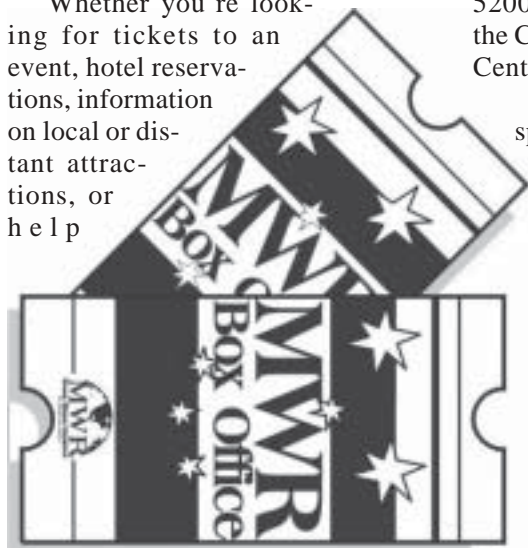
Cpl. John T. Olson, 21, of Elk Grove Village, Ill., died Monday as a result of hostile action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to Headquarters Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.



MWR Box Office has a lot to offer

MWR Box Office offers a wide variety of information and services for everyone

Whether you're looking for tickets to an event, hotel reservations, information on local or distant attractions, or help



planning your family's perfect vacation, the MWR Box Office can help.

The facility is located in Building 52008 on Arizona Street, across from the Commissary, between the MWR Arts Center and Carlson Wagonlit Travel.

The following are just a few of the special offers that MWR Box Office currently has available:

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Stop in at MWR Box Office for more details on this exciting free offer for members of the military and their families.

- The 17th Annual Arizona Renaissance Festival is being held weekends, now through March 27, and Monday, President's Day, at Apache Junction, Ariz. Gates open at 10 a.m. and close at 6 p.m.

The Renaissance Festival is a medieval amusement park, a 12-stage theater, a 30-acre circus, an arts and crafts fair, a jousting tournament and feast, all rolled

into one non-stop adventure. Save by purchasing discounted tickets for this event at the MWR Box Office.

- The Box Office also has tickets for events scheduled at the Tucson Convention Center including, March 4 - 6, U.S. Hot Rod Monster Jam; March 5, BB King in concert; April 1, comedian Brian Regan; and April 2 and 3, Les Sylphides ballet.

TCC event tickets may be purchased 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Mon. - Fri. only.

Call 533-2404 for more information on any of the above offers, or drop by the MWR Box Office to see what they can do to assist you. The facility is open Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., except for training holidays and federal holidays.

Sale at Sportsman's Center

The Sportsman's Center is offering 10 percent off most merchandise, including guns, ammunition, wild game calls, cleaning kits, and other items in the pro shop. The sale will continue until the merchandise has been sold. For more information, call Mick Gue at 533-7085.

March special at MWR Rents

Beginning Tuesday, MWR Rents will offer the following special for the month of March: rent a 5 by 10-foot pontoon boat, or a water mouse, for the discounted price of \$30 for any weekend.

For more information, call MWR Rents at 533-6707.

New classes at the MWR Arts Center

MWR Arts Center will offer several new classes during March, including:

- A gourd decorating class that will be held 4 - 6 p.m., March 2, 9 and 16. The class will teach you how to decorate gourds with beads and color. The cost is \$15. Please sign up to reserve a space for this class. The teacher is Elaine Carpenter.

- A watercolor class to be held 10 - 11:30 a.m., March 5, 12, 19 and 26. The cost is \$50 and students must pre-register and pre-pay. The instructor is Ricardo Alonzo.

- Basic beading, with instructor Valerie Rice, will be offered noon - 2 p.m., March 5, 12, 19 and 26. Pre-registration is required.

- A sculpting class will be held 5 - 7 p.m., March 8, 15, 22 and 29. The instructor is Ulrike Tarquinio. Cost of the class is \$65 and includes materials. Please pre-register for this class, also.

- Basic cake decorating, which teaches you how to decorate a cake for any occasion, will be offered in four, two-hour sessions, 6 - 8 p.m., March 8, 15, 22 and 29. Cost of this class is \$50 and includes materials. Pre-registration is required. The instructor is Valerie Rice.

For more information on these or any other classes, call 533-2015 or stop by the MWR Arts Center, located on Arizona Street, across from the Commissary.

Get ready for the TM 10K Run

There's still time to get in shape for the Thunder Mountain 10K Run, to be held March 19. The event is open to everyone. For more information or to sign up for the event, contact Kathy Gray at 533-0041.

Lynda's Barber Shop open to everyone

Lynda's Barber Shop is open to the public 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Saturdays; and 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sunday. Walk-ins are always welcome, or you can make an appointment by calling 417-9150.

The shop is located inside Desert Lanes Bowling Center.

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Sign up for adult lifeguard class

The Sports and Fitness branch of MWR will offer a lifeguard class for ages 15 and up, March 15, 17, 19, 20, 22, 24 and 26 at Barnes Indoor Pool. Sign-up is currently open for the class.

Cost of the class will be \$150. Students who successfully complete the class will receive lifeguard certification, first aid and CPR for the professional rescuer.

The lifeguard class is open to the public. For more information or to register, call 533-3858.

Lunch buffet at TMAC Tuesday - Friday

The Thunder Mountain Activity Centre offers their lunch buffet, Tuesday - Friday, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. The cost is \$7 per person, which includes full salad bar, dessert and a non-alcoholic beverage.

Each day's menu features a different theme, including: the first three Tuesdays of the month, "Latin Fiesta;" the last Tuesday of the month, "All American" menu, featuring pot roast and meat loaf; Wednesday, "Savory BBQ Day;" with barbecued chicken and ribs; Thursday, "A Taste of Deutschland, with schnitzel and bratwurst; and Friday, "Southern Comfort, with catfish nuggets and golden fried chicken.

For catering information at TMAC, call 533-7322. For general info and room reservations, call 533-3802.



Fort Huachuca Directorate of Morale, Welfare & Recreation

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The Scout TimeOut



Movies

Elektra plays at 7 p.m. today at Cochise theater. For the complete listing of this week's movies, see Page 28.

Line up boxing fans, Melson can take a punch

BY SPC. JOY PARIANTE
SCOUT STAFF

"He's the most humble person I've ever met," said Christian Zaccagnino describing her boxer boyfriend. And 1st Lt. Boyd Melson is quite the humble guy. Watching him interact with fans and fellow boxers, you would never know that Melson holds an international boxing title.

Aside from being the All Army and Armed Forces champion in his weight class, the 23-year-old Melson, a field artillery officer at Fort Carson, Colo., also won a gold medal at the Conseil International du Sports Militaire boxing championships in 2004.

"I didn't think he was ready for that level of competition," said Basheer Abdullah, All Army Boxing coach. At that time, Melson had no international and little national experience. He was

also in the middle of completing his officer basic course.

While CISM may be the highlight of Melson's career, he said he isn't content just being the top boxer at the military level. His goal is Olympic competition.

Melson explained that the Olympics became his dream after losing at last year's Olympic trials.

The young pugilist's career began during a physical education class at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. Boxing was a requirement and Melson said he took right to it, even though he had no real skills at the time. He was fast and aggressive and began training to become the best.

While preparing for a competition, Melson said the team practices between five and six days a week and as much as three times a day. "Everybody wants to be a boxer until they

have to train," he laughed. Training consists of running, lifting, sparring and of course, cutting weight. "If you want to be the best, you have to make sacrifices."

"Lieutenant Melson is an athlete we don't mess with," Abdullah said. "He's very unorthodox, and he has something coaches can't teach." Those unteachable skills include excellent speed and reflexes and good instincts.

"He's always aware of where he is in the ring; he's always aware of what his options are," Abdullah said. "He's very instinctive."

Melson's outgoing personality and dominance in the ring have earned him his own fan club. Youngsters crowd around him to get autographs and girls of all ages wave their phone numbers at him, but he politely declines the digits. The only girl



Photo by Spc. Marcus Butler

Army boxer Boyd Melson moves in with a flurry of jabs on Air Force boxer Ramon Castro during his opening match.

whose number he's interested in is sitting quietly in the crowd, wearing a T-shirt with his name on it.

"She's my inspiration for everything," said Melson of girlfriend Christian. The 22-year-old college student from New York was paralyzed at a young age in an accident. "That girl is the biggest fighter," Melson said. He said he doesn't quit when he's

getting pounded on in the ring because he thinks to himself "that girl over there never quits."

Zaccagnino echoes her boyfriend's supportive sentiments. "He supports me in everything I do, so I want to support him. We play off of each other. He's my inspiration and I'm his."

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Photo by Spc. Joy Pariente

Puppy power

Handlers and pups from Thundering Paws agility group visited Smith Middle School Thursday to show students the kinds of things they can teach their dogs to do. Children can get involved in handling through the local 4-H club. The group also visits schools to teach children bite prevention.

JITC leads halfway though Commander's Cup season

BY SPC. SUSAN REDWINE
SCOUT STAFF

With almost half the sports of the Commander's Cup season played out, Joint Interoperability Test Command is threatening to usurp last year's winner, Company B, 305th Military Intelligence Battalion.

Company B is trying to retire the trophy. A win this year would be their third in a row.

With cross country, football and bowling wrapped up, JITC is in the lead with 315 points, followed by Medical Department Activity with 295 and Company C, 304th Military Intelligence Bn. with 265.

"It's not a big spread considering we still have three major sports coming up," said Michelle Kimsey, sports specialist. "It's not set who will win."

Three major sports haven't even been played yet: soccer, softball and volleyball. While a fourth major sport — basketball — is currently underway. The winner of each

of these sports gets 65 points. Minor sports such as track and field, and golf yield 35 points.

Units can also earn extra points by having representatives attend monthly organizational meetings. Reps who attend these meetings pick up a quick 25 points for their teams, something that Kimsey said can often mean the difference between a unit winning or losing the Commander's Cup.

She noted that MEDDAC had been in the lead earlier in the Commander's Cup season, but their lack of participation in the monthly meetings pulled them back and allowed JITC to take the lead.

The monthly meetings serve as a way of getting timely information out to participating units. If a command doesn't get a representative to these meetings, they may miss the chance to compete in a sport.

Kimsey said players from different units

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Arizona Tourist

See the town too tough to die

SPC. MARCUS BUTLER
SCOUT STAFF

Tombstone, the town too tough to die, is a city rich in history and a truly historical American landmark.

Well preserved and one of

the best examples of 1880 western heritage, Tombstone was perhaps the most renowned of Arizona's old mining camps. When Ed Schieffelin came to Camp Huachuca with a party of Soldiers and left the fort to prospect, his comrades

told him that he'd find his tombstone rather than silver.

Thus, in 1877 Schieffelin named his first claim the Tombstone, and rumors of rich strikes made a boomtown of the settlement that adopted this name, according to www.cityoftombstone.com.

The town's tendency to lawlessness and violence, nearly caused then President Chester A. Arthur to declare martial law in Tombstone and send in military troops to restore order.

The situation climaxed with the infamous Earp-Clanton battle, fought near the rear entrance of the O.K. Corral, on Oct. 26, 1881. Over the course of seven years the mines produced millions of dollars in silver and gold before rising underground waters forced the suspension of operations.

Many of Tombstone's historic buildings are within an area bounded by Fremont, 6th, Toughnut and 3rd Streets. Among them are St. Paul's Episcopal Church, built in 1882; the Crystal Palace Saloon, one of the most luxurious saloons in the West; and the Tombstone Epitaph building, where the oldest continuously published paper in Arizona is still being printed. Western printing history exhibits in the front office are free to the public.

"The Town Too Tough to Die" has a vast array of attractions and points of interest for all ages to see. One of these is the famous Birdcage Theater also referred to as The Bird Cage



Tombstone visitors can enjoy many different shows daily.

Opera House Saloon. This was a fancy way in the 1880s of describing a combination saloon, gambling hall and a house of ill repute. The hand-painted stage and orchestra pit, with its massive grand piano, still stands in tribute to the many great entertainers that once performed in the Bird Cage. The walls on the back stage are covered with photos and stories of the many entertainers that performed there.

The walls on the gambling casino are covered with photos and documents of the famous people who lived in Tombstone when it was a wild and wicked town. Recently, six more rooms below the Bird Cage were opened to the public. This area had been closed and sealed off since 1889. Since this new area is 80 percent the size of the buildings' upper floor, its opening truly extended the journey into the historic past of the Bird Cage. These rooms

reveal an untouched site from more than 100 years ago.

The theater is not the only place in town to enjoy the history and sites of Tombstone. There are places to eat, drink, and sleep in town, as well. Several of the saloons in town offer live music on weekends, and most can accommodate dancing too. There are a few gunfight shows in town, horse rides, stagecoach and wagon tours, and a city park. If you're interested in shopping, Tombstone has a wealth of unique shops and services available. Upcoming events happening in February include the Vigilante Gunfight Skit Competition on Saturday and Sunday and the Art Center Quilt Show happening all month. For more information on the legendary city of Tombstone visit www.cityoftombstone.com/tourism.html or call 800-457-3423.



Shot-out reenactments are something that happen several times a day in Tombstone.



It is not uncommon to see "dead" people line the streets of Tombstone.

Photos by Elizabeth Davie

Post athlete prepares to face Ironman challenge

BY AMANDA KEITH
SCOUT STAFF

Les Woods is going where couch potatoes fear to tread: the Ironman Triathlon.

Wood, the acting Recreation Services Division Chief for Morale, Welfare and Recreation, will compete in Arizona's first Ironman Triathlon. The event will be held April 9 in Phoenix and presents a grueling challenge. The event starts with a 2-mile swim, followed by a 112-mile bike ride, and ends with a 26.2 mile run.

Woods isn't new to the marathon circuit; in 1987, he began running

triathlons and he was selected by the U.S. Triathlon Association as the top amateur of the open division. "That's about as high as you can go as an amateur," said Woods.

But now, at age 52, Woods is tackling the Ironman, an event he stayed away from earlier. "I like to compete in events that are quick," he said, "but now, as time has gone on, and I can't go as fast as I used to, this is a great excuse to slow down. I mean, you can't go fast in an Ironman, you just have to be steady. The goal is to stay steady and finish."

Training for such a taxing event isn't something that can be achieved on a whim. A competition like the

Ironman takes a lot of training and time. Woods began his training in July 2004 and he is still training with less than two months to go until the competition. Having just ended his endurance phase (which included a 12-mile bike ride) of training, Woods is now entering the "speed phase" of his training, which will be the last training phase before the competition.

"That's where I've got to really be careful," he said.

"Sometimes I get the feeling that I'm actually a lot younger than I actually am. Something happens where the endorphins get to my brain, and then my brain thinks I'm 18. But then my muscles remind me that I'm 52-years-old, and if I'm not careful, they'll remind me in a way that I can't run for a couple of weeks."

Speed phase injuries aren't the only ones that he has to be worry about. Runners face all sorts of injuries, including shin splints, pulled hamstrings and plantar fasciitis.

Plantar fasciitis, a.k.a. a "Heel Spur," (the arch ligament of the foot ruptures, causing inflammation and heel pain) is one of Woods' concerns for Ironman, having injured his while in college.

"I actually tore mine off," said Woods. "I heard it pull off when I was in competition...I thought someone had actually shot me in the foot and come to find out I had torn all the fascia off the heel...I really have to be careful not to injure those areas again."

Another obstacle for Woods in the Ironman Triathlon is the course itself. While the swim course "is the

easiest part of the Ironman," and the shortest part of competition, the bike and running courses are considerably

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Les Woods



Photo by Spc. Joy Pariente

Les Woods trains for the Ironman Triathlon at Barnes Field House Tuesday.

more difficult.

"It's going to be a very challenging bike course," said Woods. "There's a gradual climb up, and then a real steep climb up to Fountain Hills and then a lot of rollercoaster hills...then you fly back to Phoenix and then you do it again."

The run course also presents some challenges; "The run course is a lot of turns, and I pray to God that they have a lot of course monitors out there."

All of these challenges await Woods in Phoenix on April 9.

"When I'm running, what I think about is trying to put myself in the second half of the marathon of the Ironman, because that's where the race is really going to start. Everything else is getting up to the 13-mile point in the marathon. From 13 miles on, it's going to be hell."

Right Arm Night at TMAC

The Thunder Mountain Activity Centre will host the next CGs' Right Arm Night, beginning at 4 p.m. Friday. This a great opportunity to relax and socialize. Pay-as-you-go beverages and finger foods will be available. Call 533-7322 for more information.

African American Music concert

The 36th Army Band is scheduled to play African American music Sunday at 3 p.m. in the Ethel Berger Center.

Spiritual Dreaming discussion

ECKANKAR: The Religion of the Light and Sound of God is offering a free interactive discussion, "The Art of Spiritual Dreaming," from 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm on Tuesday. It will be held at the Sierra Vista Public Library at 2600 E. Tacoma Street. All are welcome.

Fort Bowie and Apache Campaign

Sierra Vista Parks and Leisure Services is holding a one-day field trip examining the Apache campaign on March 5 at a cost of \$28 per person. Please pre-register by tomorrow for the 7 a.m. - 5 p.m. event. For more information, call the Oscar Yrun Community Center at 458-7922, the Ethel H. Berger Center at 417-6980 or the Sierra Vista Aquatic Center at 417-4800.

Whitewater Creek journey

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B Troop seeks volunteers

Fort Huachuca's B Troop, 4th U.S. Cavalry Regiment (Memorial) is looking for volunteers. B Troop participates in various parades and ceremonies both

on post and nationally. They've been to the Orange Bowl Parade in Miami and Helldorado Days in Tombstone. Riding experience is not necessary and new troopers and ladies auxiliary hopefuls go through a ground and riding school prior to participation with the troop. For more information, call B Troop commander Jay Hizer 538-2566, B Troop 1st Sgt. Juan Villarreal 378-2367 or the B Troop office 538-2178.

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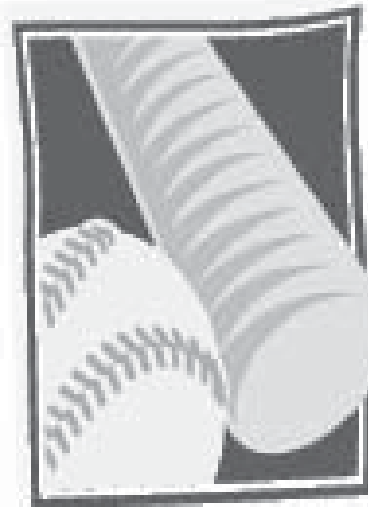
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Pets Of The Week



Sky is a 9-month-old, female mixed dog.



Bonita is a 7-month-old, female lab mix.

These animals and more are available for adoption from the Fort Huachuca Veterinary Treatment Facility. For more information, call 533-2767 or visit forthuachucapetfinder.com. In accordance with Army regulation stray animals are kept for three working days to find an owner. After three days, they are either placed up for adoption or humanely euthanized. Strays are available for adoption for 30 days until they are euthanized.

At The Movies

Showing at the Cochise Theater for the next week are:

Today -7 p.m.

Elektra

PG-13

Friday -7 p.m.

In Good Company

PG-13

Saturday -7 p.m.

Assault On Precinct 13

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Sunday -2 p.m.

Coach Carter

PG-13

Monday - Wednesday

Closed

Reduced prices on Thursday evening and Sunday matinees.

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Photo by Elizabeth Davie

Army 1st Lt. Boyd Melson wins the All Armed Forces Boxing title in the 152 pound weight class Saturday night at Barnes Field House.

Melson looked to Zaccagnino for inspiration on Saturday night as he battled to hold on to his Armed Forces championship title against U.S. Marine Corps boxer Cpl. Evan Bakal. He dedicated his fight to Zaccagnino as a birthday present. His preliminary night fight was fought for his grandfather. He cites his grandfather, father and girlfriend as his inspiration for everything and because they always believe in him.

“Everything he does he’s always doing for someone else,” Zaccagnino said. “It makes me feel honored ... that he gets his strength from me.”

So how does Melson’s girlfriend react to her sweetie taking hits to the face? “I see him get hit, and I cringe, but then I’m like, ‘Hit him back!’” she said. “He’s really good, so it doesn’t really bother me so much,” she added. “He wouldn’t be in there if he couldn’t take a punch.”

And Melson can take a

punch. His prior injuries from boxing have included a broken hand, torn cartilage and a broken nose. “It’s part of the sport; it happens,” said Melson about taking hits. “It’s just like a tackle in football or a spike in volleyball,” he explained. “You know and understand this when you go in the ring.”

While the training is tough, and the punches land hard, Melson said loves going into the ring and entertaining the crowd.

“It’s my greatest joy in life [entertaining people],” he said. “I feed off the energy from the crowd.”

And when he’s not in the ring, Melson enjoys watching the other boxers fight for all they’re worth. “I love watching people dig deep, show their inner heart,” he said. “They show how tough they are, not physically but inside.”

Melson will now head to Nationals in March in Colorado Springs, Colo., and he’ll return to CISM in June in South Africa where he plans to defend his title.

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should not automatically play for another unit’s team. Instead, they should check with their unit first. People who are interested in playing Commander’s Cup sports but do not have a team from their unit can be put into a player’s pool and still earn points for their organization.

“Some players don’t know there’s a player’s pool,” Kimsey said.

She noted that participation in sports this year has been better than in past years because signal units have been returning from deployments.

“I think it’s [participation] a little bit more that what we usually get,” she said.

But there’s always room for improvement. Kimsey said she hoped more people would come out and participate in sports.

As basketball winds down, competitive units should gear up to get their soccer teams up and running. Soccer is the next sport on the Commander’s Cup ros-

ter and begins March 7.

The point totals for all teams are as follows:

Unit	Points
JITC	315
MEDDAC	295
Co. C, 304th MI	265
NCOA	255
Co. B, 305th MI	235
USAG	215
HHC, 111th MI	175
ISEC/CECOM	160
HHC, 11th Sig.	140
DFAC	90
Co. D, 86th Sig.	80
Co. A, 306th MI	70
USMC	60
Co. A, 40th Sig.	50
Co. D, 40th Sig.	50
HHC, 40th Sig.	50
69th Sig.	50
19th Sig.	50
269th Sig.	50
Co. D, 309th MI	50
Co. E, 305th MI	50
Co. A, 305th MI	25
Co. C, 305th MI	25
Co. B, 304th MI	25